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PICTURES TO MAKE CHILDREN HAPPY

The recently formed Torrance Art Group is busily engaged with brushes and bright paints making pictures for the walls of the children's wards at Harbor General hospital. Displaying some of the pictures are: (l-r) Mrs. Jean Townsend who has done the Pinocchio, Mrs. Ann Gentry who made the circus picture, Mrs. Vicky Feldon with her Davy Crockett painting, and Donald G. Hopkins, assistant to A. L. Thomas, director of the hospital. Mrs. Feldon is president of the Art Group. Press Photo.

## Victor Election Set for May 15

A special election to determine whether residents of the Victor area wish to annex to Torrance will be held Tuesday, May 15, according to action taken by the City Council.

The 604 acres involved are bounded by Torrance blvd., Del Amo blvd., Hawthorne ave., and the Redondo boundary line.

About 200 registered voters are involved.

At a hearing last week, protests received in the annexation move were ruled insufficient and denied, on the basis that those who protested represented only \$58,000 of the total \$500,000 land value.

A number of individuals expressed concern that the council might change present land uses if annexation goes into effect.

Members of the council indicated that their feelings in the matter are that present land uses should continue.

## Tax Consultant

A representative of the California Franchise Tax Board will be at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, 1345 El Prado, Tuesday, March 20, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., to help individuals with their California State Income Tax forms. There will not be a federal tax consultant this year.

## SOLOMON SAYS:

### Prevention Answer to Juvenile Delinquency

"Where you have a concentration of sub-culture elements—whether among the rich or among the poor—there you have delinquency. . . . The answer to delinquency is prevention, rather than correction. . . . We must find the vulnerable children and then examine, diagnose, and treat."

That was the gist of the comprehensive talk on juvenile delinquency delivered here Thursday by Ben Solomon, noted author, lecturer, and authority on the subject.

Solomon indicated that sub-culture elements can be found in all areas, regardless of creeds, colors, nationalities, or income brackets.

**Two Elements**  
"There are two kinds of problems faced by youngsters," Solomon said. "One is hereditary—the qualities they are born with. The other is environment—the most important part of which is the mother."

"If you have a child with personal weaknesses and a bad parent, then you have a community problem," he maintained. Parental quality has nothing to do with income, he said further.

"Most children from poor parents grow up to be fine citizens." (Turn to Page 5)

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## Construction To Begin On New Hospital

Construction of the new 52-bed general hospital to be located in Torrance half a mile west of Hawthorne blvd., between Redondo and the new Civic Center, will begin around April 15.

Proposed plans are for an opening date around December 1, announced the hospital builder-owner Howard Miller construction co. and associates.

Architect for the new hospital is Herman Charles Light of Los Angeles.

Though the initial plans are for a 52-bed hospital, officials stated that the proposed ultimate expansion will be for 100 beds.

The hospital will handle maternity, medicine, and surgery cases.

Plans are for the most modern construction complete with air-conditioning and complete audio-visual system for communication between patients and nurses.

The emergency facilities will function, in addition to the regular hospital facilities, 24 hours a day.

Initial cost for the 52-bed construction plan is \$600,000, officials stated.

## Shoestring Improvements Will Start

Two long awaited street improvements are scheduled to be started within three weeks in the Shoestring area, Councilman John S. Gibson, announced. Contracts have been awarded for the paving of 227th street from Western to Halldale and for improvement of 205th street from Harvard to Denker, the district representative said.

Oswald Bros. of Los Angeles was low bidder on the 227th street job, getting the award on an offer of \$39,275. The project includes also the paving of Harvard blvd. from 226th and 227th and for construction of sidewalks on 227th st.

McAmis and Baker on a bid of \$8,607 drew the 205th st. job. This is for the south side of the street and also includes sidewalks.

## Approach Seems Bad

Not only the city of Torrance, but Torrance city councilmen, are difficult to approach at times, Councilman Nick Draie discovered Tuesday night.

Draie, who has recently been in the habit of making his motions in writing and reading them to the council for council action, had another one this week.

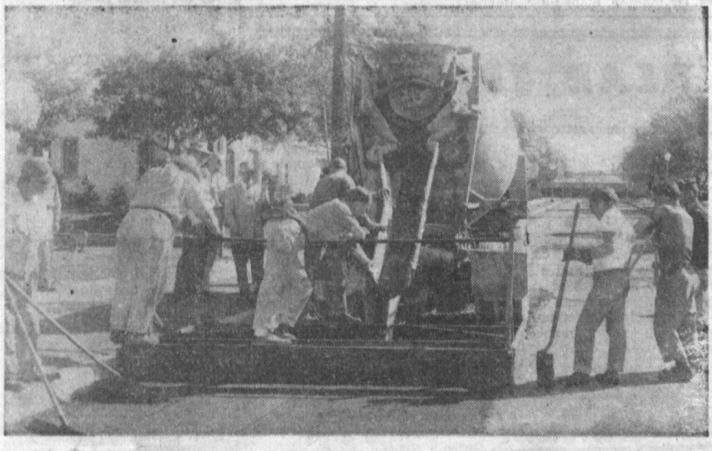
Draie proceeded to call the council's attention to the fact that since its founding, "Torrance has been a difficult city to approach"—due to the manner in which its streets were laid out some 45 years ago.

He had nine recommendations for improving the highways, byways, exits and entrances of Torrance.

Mayor Albert Isen and Councilman Victor Benstead felt that the matter was too complex to act on right then and there. Schwab said nothing. Blount was absent.

Draie's carefully prepared proposal died for lack of a second.

Prior to his own motion, incidentally, he had tabled Isen's and Benstead's motion asking for action on a 90-acre recreation park.



A NEW SPRING COAT

A relatively new seal coating process was started in Torrance with the coating of Acacia and Beech streets between Torrance blvd. and Carson st. last week. The material is composed of rock, dust, sand and Bitumul oil. A thin veneer which seals the cracks and prolongs the life of the street is spread over the old street. Officials of the American Bitumul & Asphalt co. of San Francisco were here to witness the operation last week.—Press Photo.

## Gas Station Attendant Shot, AWOL Soldier Held

A bandit shot an unsuspecting gas station manager in the chest during a hold-up Monday evening and then ran off empty-handed.

Captured a day later on suspicion of attempted murder and armed robbery was Donald Heien, a 20-year-old AWOL soldier from Fort Ord, according to Lennox sheriff's station.

## Vaccination Against Rabies Ordered In County Areas

With the dread rabies disease still plaguing the county, the Board of Supervisors voted an ordinance Tuesday for the compulsory vaccination of all dogs in unincorporated county areas.

The action was urged by County Health Officer Roy O. Gilbert, who told the board that the county's leash law is not effective as an anti-rabies measure.

Dr. Gilbert declared that "rabies is endemic in the county and in no year since 1922 have we been free of the disease."

The county's antirabies ordinance will become effective in 30 days.

Dr. Gilbert urged the Supervisors to put teeth into the new rabies legislation so it would include vaccinations of all dogs.

The ordinance is being drawn by members of the County Counsel's office.

Torrance only last year passed such a law as a result of a turbulent rabies outbreak in this area. Following weeks of heated activity, the City Council split 3-2 in favor of the law.

Voting for the rabies law were Councilman Victor Benstead, who initiated it, Councilman Mervin Schwab, who changed his vote in favor of the law, and Mayor Albert Isen.

Opposed were Councilmen Nick Draie and Willys Blount. The Torrance Press and local residents campaigned actively in favor of such a law.

## Blount Reverses Stand On Consolidation Issue

Councilman Willys Blount, one of the strongest proponents of consolidation and the individual who cast the deciding vote in putting the issue on the ballot, this week announced that he has changed his opinion on the subject.

The surprise move came at a meeting of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee Monday. Blount and other speakers had been invited to voice their opinions on the pros and cons of the matter. The consolidation proposal calls for holding City Council and School Board elections at the same time rather than at different times as is presently the case.

Not Ashamed  
Blount, stating that he spoke as a member of the council, said that he cast the deciding vote with a "clear conscience" and that he is not ashamed of what he did.

## TRAFFIC COUNCIL SET UP

Because of a recent outbreak of bitter traffic deaths in Torrance, Mayor Albert Isen established a Traffic Safety Council.

Purpose of the council is to study adequate traffic protection and make the public more safety-minded.

Isen asked that 11 individuals serve on this council, and appointed Bill Evans, retired police sergeant, chairman of the group.

Isen received the council's concurrence in the matter, but not before a verbal spat with Councilman Nick Draie.

"Looks like everyone's campaigning tonight, even the mayor," Draie exclaimed as Isen explained his proposal.

"Saving lives isn't campaigning," Isen retorted. "I don't have to campaign but I know that you've been campaigning for some time."

## Downtown Traffic Study Asked

Possibility of hiring a traffic engineer in order to improve traffic conditions was referred to Police Chief Willard Haslam for study.

Haslam, upon being asked by Councilman Mervin M. Schwab, what he considered necessary to correct the bottleneck in downtown Torrance, said that a competent traffic engineer could do a lot of good.

He recommended Ralph Dorsey, internationally-known traffic engineer. Dorsey lives in the South area. He is retired now and was formerly traffic engineer for the city of Los Angeles.

## Scholarship Program Set For Teachers

Residents of the area who have graduated from college may enter the teaching profession while completing training under the new Southern California Teacher Education Scholarship, officials of the Torrance Unified School District announced.

The scholarship program has been set up with the cooperation of the School of Education at the University of Southern California, Robert C. Morton, director.

## First Call And TV Set Vanishes

One ad and one call is all it took to sell a 14-inch TV set, Mrs. Ruth Sherwood, 1507 West 260th street, Harbor City, decided happily this week.

Mrs. Sherwood placed the following ad in the Torrance Press classified section:

14-INCH MOTOROLA TV built-in aerial console, A-1 condition, \$30, 1507 W. 260th St., Harbor City, DA. 6-1458

"I sold it on the first call," she said, impressed with the results. "I had other calls but the TV had sold itself on the first call."

Why worry about your problems? Let a Torrance Press classified ad do the work for you. Just call FA. 8-2345 and a friendly classified sales girl will help you word your inexpensive ad just right.



1,346,328 MAN-HOURS WITHOUT INJURIES  
Members of the Joint Safety Committee of the Torrance Works of United States Steel's Columbia-Geneva Steel Division receive the National Safety Council's Award of Merit from H. P. Dotson, assistant general superintendent, third from left. Left to right, committee members are E. J. Ahlstrom, superintendent of safety; James H. Hansen, Dotson, V. S. Benstead, chairman; R. J. Prout, A. V. Berry and A. G. Hazel. The Torrance Works received the plaque in recognition of an injury-free period of 1,346,328 man-hours between February and November, 1955.

# Only 15 More Shopping Days Until Easter